

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as indicated:

Page 1, sixth full paragraph (beginning at line 21):

A method of preventing, curing, and/or treating hypocalcemia by administering 1,25-(OH)₂D₃, the most physiologically active metabolite among VD3 metabolites that regulate calcium metabolism, to a dairy cow is also practiced (see JP-A 61-233620 (related application: US Patent 3,901,928; 4,670,190 and 5,472,957 ~~No. 322462~~) and Gast et al., J. Dairy Sci. vol. 62: pp. 1009-1013, 1979).